AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Withdrawn) A porous secondary battery electrode made of an electrode material of a carbon-carbon composite material in which 30-90 wt% of the carbon-carbon composite material are vapor-phase growth carbon fibers uniformly dispersed in a carbon matrix, the vapor-phase growth carbon fibers having a diameter of 0.01- $0.5~\mu m$ and a length of 5- $300~\mu m$.
- 2. (Withdrawn) A secondary battery electrode according to Claim 1, wherein said vapor-phase growth carbon fibers are subjected to graphitization at a temperature of 2000°C or above.

Claims 3-4. (Canceled)

- 5. (Withdrawn) A secondary battery electrode according to Claim 1, wherein said vapor-phase growth carbon fibers is further limited to 50-80 weight % of the carbon-carbon composite material.
- 6. (Withdrawn) A secondary battery electrode according to Claim 1, wherein said carbon-carbon composite material is subjected to graphitization at a temperature of 2000°C or above.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for producing <u>a</u> the porous secondary battery electrode <u>as set forth in claim 1</u>, <u>made of an electrode material of a carbon-carbon composite material in which 30-90 wt% of the carbon-carbon composite material is vapor-phase growth carbon fibers uniformly dispersed in a carbon matrix, the vapor-phase growth carbon fibers having a diameter of 0.01-0.5 µm and a length of 5-300 µm, said method comprising:</u>

intermixing a synthetic resin with said vapor-phase growth carbon fibers having a diameter of 0.01-0.5 µm and a length of 5-300 µm, wherein the vapor-phase growth carbon fibers are uniformly dispersed in said synthetic resin to obtain a mixture;

molding said mixture into a predetermined shape to form an intermediate molded product; and

heating said intermediate molded product at a heating speed of [[1°C]] 1°C/min to 10°C/min to turn it into a non-vitreous, porous carbon-carbon composite having numerous pores.

- 8. (Currently Amended) [[A]] <u>The</u> method for producing the secondary battery electrode according to Claim 7, further comprising a <u>heating</u> step of graphitizing <u>said</u> <u>vapor phase growth phase carbon fibers</u> at a <u>high</u> temperature of 2000°C or above said vapor phase growth carbon fibers prior to intermixing with a synthetic resin.
- 9. (Currently Amended) [[A]] <u>The</u> method for producing the secondary battery electrode according to Claim <u>8</u> [[7]], wherein said heating step at high temperature

includes two steps of carbonization at the proximity of 1000°C and graphitization at a temperature of 2000°C or above.

10. (Withdrawn) A secondary battery comprising:

the electrode as set forth in Claim 1 as a positive electrode;

a negative electrode; and

an electrolyte into which said positive electrode and said negative electrode are immersed.

- 11. (Withdrawn) A secondary battery according to Claim 10, wherein said negative electrode is made of a carbon-carbon composite material in which vapor-phase growth carbon fibers are uniformly dispersed in a carbon matrix.
- 12. (Withdrawn) A secondary battery according to Claim 10, wherein said negative electrode is a metal lithium plate.
- 13. (Withdrawn) A secondary battery according to Claim 10, wherein said battery is a lithium secondary battery.
- 14. (Withdrawn) A secondary battery according to Claim 13, wherein said electrolyte contains lithium perchlorate.

- 15. (Withdrawn) A secondary battery according to Claim 10, wherein said vapor-phase growth carbon fibers are subjected to graphitization at a temperature of 2000°C or above.
- 16. (Withdrawn) A secondary battery according to Claim 10, wherein a precursor of said carbon matrix is a synthetic resin.
- 17. (Withdrawn) A secondary battery according to Claim 10, wherein a formulation amount of said vapor-phase growth carbon fibers is 30-90 weight %.
- 18. (Withdrawn) A secondary battery according to Claim 10, wherein a formulation amount of said vapor-phase growth carbon fibers is 50-80 weight %.
- 19. (Withdrawn) A secondary battery according to Claim 10, wherein said carbon-carbon composite material is subjected to graphitization at a temperature of 2000°C or above.
- 20. (Withdrawn) A secondary battery electrode according to claim 1, wherein said vapor-phase growth carbon fibers are subjected to carbonization at a temperature of at least 1000°C.
- 21. (Withdrawn) A secondary battery electrode according to Claim 1, wherein the carbon-carbon composite material is non-vitreous.

22. (Withdrawn) A secondary battery electrode according to Claim 10, wherein the carbon-carbon composite material is non-vitreous.